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INDOCHINA POLITICAL

I. Re Bao Dai, it becoming less likely
he will return Vietnam, [redacted]

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- A. [redacted] most French
and Vietnamese plans call for
his dismissal.
- B. That we feel Bao Dai will not
be easily fired. He may well
try to stay in France and pull
strings from there.

II. Able Governor Tri of Tonkin trying
to find government to which address
his resignation.

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B. US Charge at Saigon fears
sudden plea from Tri or
Vietnam government to US
for Dunkirk-like sea lift
of sizable part Tonkin
population.

III. One of key French officials Indochina
emphasizes disintegration in Central
and South Vietnam.

- A. He says Vietnam army not
now a defense but a danger.
B. Also says Viet Minh sending
battle-hardened Tonkinese
cadres to South Vietnam to
stiffen its forces there.

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